(*d*) the reason for forfeiture of his service as per order of the Superintendent of Anchal. Ref. No. I 1008/15;

(*e*) has he given any furlough application in 1116;

(*f*) whether any furlough was granted to him;

(*g*) whether any pension has been granted to him;

(*h*) if not, why?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes. In Chingam 1118.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 15 years, 6 months and 9 days.

(*d*) Krishnan Nayar forfeited his appointment by overstaying his leave.

(*e*) No. An application was received in 1115.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) He was not granted furlough because the request is inadmissible according to rules.

He was not granted pension because he has forfeited his appointment.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is there any provision in the Standing Orders that any person who has forfeited his appointment for reasons which he cannot prevent will not be given any pension?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): For a person who forfeits his appointment there is no pension.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know for how many days the person mentioned here over-stayed his leave?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* About two months, I think.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Did he in the interim apply for extension of leave?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Governent):* He said that he had applied but no application was received in the office.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether any mischief was played in connection with the application, that is to say, whe her it was suppressed?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The petitioner alleged that there was some mischief played. But on enquiry it was found that the allegation was baseless.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What was the reason of his over-staying?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): We have no information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the reason given by him in his petition?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He said that due to domestic reasons he had to over-stay.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is there no provision for condonation?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Government did not think that there was any justification for condonation.

MANUFACTURE OF SALT IN THE STATE

182. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what amount was spent during the year 1119 for the manufacture of salt in the State;

(*b*) what is the quantity manufactured;

(*c*) what quantity was sold and the amount realised by the sale of the same?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 27,207—2—0 including the establishment charges.

(*b*) 2,034 maunds.

(*c*) The whole quantity was sold for Rs. 7,831—12—0 at the rate of Rs. 3—14—0 per maund.

Mr. T. A. Ramachadra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know how was the salt disposed of? Is it through the contractors or by the Government itself?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* By Government for industrial purposes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Why was this Rs. 3—14—0 per maund fixed?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is the issue price of salt at the depot.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was it sold at Rs. 2—10—0 before the middle of Karkadagam ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I do not know what was the issue price before the middle of Karkadagam.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know why it was sold at less than the cost price?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Gavernment):* The expenditure incurred during an experimental stage cannot be treated as the basis for fixing the issue price of any commodity.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Is the operation going on this year also ?

Mr. C. J. Mathaw *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the Budget Estimate ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Rs. 36.000.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is it not better than other salts ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, in point of purity in particular.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Why was it not given for human consumption ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Since the manufacture of salt is only in an experimental stage even now, the salt produced was used only for industrial purposes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has it been analysed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it good for human consumption ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

RAMAN MENON, MALIYAKKAL—LATE VILLAGE PEON—PAYMENT OF GRATUITY AND ARREAR PAY

183. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to State.—

(*a*) when did Maliyakkal Raman Menon s/o Kalyani Amma, Village peon, Kanipayyur Village, who was working in Porkolam Village, Talapalli Taluk die ;

(*b*) the number of his dependents who are his heirs;

(*c*) whether the gratuity, arrears of pay and security amount were paid to his heirs;

(*d*) if so, when;

(*e*) the number of petitions received from the widow of the deceased peon;

(*f*) the financial condition of the dependents of the deceased village peon ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) On 5th Thulam 1119 M.E.

(*b*) Eight (Six children, his wife and mother).

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The question does not arise in view of answer to (c).

(*e*) Two, (1) 2nd Dhanu 1119 (2) 16th Edavam 1119.

(*f*) Poor.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* What is the reason for the inordinate delay in paying the gratuity and arrears of pay, especially to such a poor family consisting of six children, a widow and a mother ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The liabilities had to be ascertained. There were claims from other quarters like Co-operative Society. That was the reason.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Even then is it not a great delay ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* In the matter of ascertaining liabilities it does take time and a little more caution is to be exercised.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Diwan Peishkar will see that such cases are expedited ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Even in this particular case we have released the security but three months have to elapse for actual payment.

PANKUPATTAM AND VARAM LEASE—RECOGNITION BY GRAIN PURCHASING TAHSILDARS

184. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted the News Item No. 5 in the "Cochin Express," Page 2, dated 27th Kanni 1120 reported by the local reporter at Trichur under date 26th Kanni 1120 ;

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